Epidemic of dysentery in the City of Trivandrum.

78. *Mr. K. M. Kesavan (*Karunagapalli, Kartikapalli and Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertala*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether an epidemic of dysentery has been raging in the City of Trivandrum from the beginning of this month (Karkatakam) ;

(*b*) if so, how many cases have been recorded as yet ;

(*c*) whether there was any death due to this epidemic ; and

(*d*) what remedial measures have the Government taken so far to control it ?

Rajyasevapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar : (*a*) An epidemic of dysentery broke out in certain parts of the Trivandrum City in Mithunam 1116 and has been continuing in a sporadic manner.

(*b*) The total number of attacks recorded so far is 62.

(*c*) The deaths from this epidemic are 11 till now.

(*d*) The Corporation of Trivandrum has been combating the epidemic situation by the vigorous enforcement of the necessary precautionary measures such as disinfection of the affected houses. General sanitary measures like the control of fly-breeding are also being carried out. The Health Staff of the Corporation are doing their best to stamp out the disease.

State Manual.

79. *Mr. K. M Kesavan : Will the Government be pleased to state when it was that the State Manual compiled by the Sadasyathilaka was submitted to Government ?

Rajyasevapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar : 4th January 1941.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan : In view of the fact that the State Manual was submitted as early as 4th January 1941, may I know why copies of it are not made available to the members of this House ?

Rajyasevapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar : I have already said, Sir, that the matter is under consideration.

Special Officer for the compilation of the State Manual.

80. *Mr. T. Krishna Pillai : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) when a special officer for the compilation of the State Manual was appointed ;

(*b*) the total amount expended so far in this direction;

(*c*) whether the work is finished ; and

(*d*) if the answer to part (*c*) is in the affirmative the reason for the delay in its publication ?

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Rajyasevapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: (*a*) In October 1936.

(*b*) Rs. 24,858.

(*c*) and (*d*) Yes. Volumes I, III and IV have been published. Volume II is under scrutiny.

A spill-way at Porakad or Thottapally.

81. ***Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there was a proposal to construct a spill-way at Porakad or Thottapally to mitigate the havoc that is being done to Central Travancore by the floods; and

(*b*) what has become of such proposal?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is under consideration.

Increase in the output of paddy in the State.

82. ***Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar**: Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) whether the Economic Development Board and the Board of Agriculture have sent in recommendations to Government to increase the output of paddy in the State; and

(*b*) what action the Government have taken on such recommendation?

Rajyasevapravina M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is engaging the attention of Government.

Alleppey—Changanacherry Road.

83. ***Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar**: Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is a proposal to take up the construction of the Alleppey—Changanacherry Road and canal in 1117?

Mr. I. C. Chacko: Yes, a section of it.

Buses run by the State Transport.

84. ***Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the buses run by the State Transport at times go into disorder during their running; and

(*b*) whether the drivers of such buses are given the facilities for repairing them then and there?

Mr. E. G. Salter: (*a*) Yes, occasionally.

(*b*) Some are given facilities.

Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar: May I know with reference to part (*b*) of the answer whether the facilities should not be given to all the buses?

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